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Dear Seweryn:

Quite simply, you and Gail made it work. The notion of an integrated perspective in lieu of a more traditional lecture course had raised some eyebrows here, but you have proved that this is an effective way to provide a comprehensive understanding of the foundations, processes and objectives of the Soviet system. The key is selecting the right seminar leaders, and you two demonstrated extraordinary skill in providing a succinct and clear appreciation for Gorbachev's program and the historical, cultural and systemic constraints to its realization. Jane and Dick join me in thanking you, and we

look forward to your further participation as our program unfolds. Sincerely, Director οf Training and Education

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